#### **Prayer Concerns**

Those affected by gun violence
Those suffering from mental
illness, addiction & homelessness
Condolences to the family of Joan

Thomas, on her passing

Karen & Tom H., sister and brotherin law of Jeff R.

Sally C.

Nadine B., lifted by Alice W.

Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.

Dave S., brother-in-law of Jan C. Michael M., nephew of Jan C. Becky & Dee, lifted by Claudia T. Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C. Phil T., lifted by Carolyn B.

Jim S.

Ken G., lifted by Barb B.

Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.

Carolyn B. Jennifer G.

Mario R., Meals piano player

Pat, CJ C.'s mother

Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law

Nate R.

Bunny, cousin of Liz L.

Vicki and her family, daughter of

Rae and Walt S.

Chris & Ava K., lifted by Jean S.

Paul T.'s mother, Alice

Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle Bev C., Deb C.'s mother

Lois D.

John, lifted by Mary B.

Keith A. Judy L.

Carl, friend of Joel & Deb C. Sarah J.'s brother, Billy Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Joan H.

Martha, lifted by Janis J.

Ray S.

Janis J.'s brother, Kirk

Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.

Jan C. Judi W. Kelly P. Will S.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Susan L.
Randall S.
Barbara B.
Bill & Marilyn R.
Doris, friend of Sally C.

Tammy M.'s friend, Kate's, father

Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.

Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul &

Claudia T.

# This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/13 Leighton Maculewicz1/18 Nancy Kinzy1/15 Barbara Linton1/19 Christine Mincik

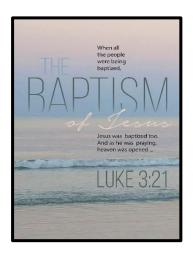
#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm Liturgist: Joel Chermonte Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Judi Wagner

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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# First Sunday After the Epiphany/ Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025 10:30 am

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

# **Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

**Prelude** Lord, to Thee I Make Confession J. Chr. H. Rinck

## \*Call to Worship

Joel Chermonte

L: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

P: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us!

#### \*Unison Prayer

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

\*Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

\***Hymn** How Firm a Foundation UMH 529

## Prayers of the People

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

Creator of the universe, we gather, amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your everpresent love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

## Words of Assurance (Isaiah 43:1)

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Anthem** Walking on High Places Howard Helvey

\*Prayer for the Offering

\*Doxology UMH 94

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Hymn* Baptized in Water TFWS 2248

**Sermon** "The Value of Remembering" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

\*Hymn O Spirit of the Living God UMH 539

#### \*Responsive Benediction

L: May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone.

P: In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us. Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

**Postlude** On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 24)

C. V. Stanford

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

\*Please stand if you are able.